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OPERATION POINT AND OPTICAL OUTPUT
OF EXTERNAL OPTICAL MODULATOR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

This is submitted in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004, wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to the format of the Abstract.
2. Objected to Claims 5-9 as being in improper form.
3. Indicated that Claim 2 would be allowable if it is rewritten to be independent of a rejected base claim.
4. Rejected Claims 1, 3, and 4 under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al.,

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U.S. Patent No. 6,570,698.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response. Fee authorization for a three-month extension of time for response, hereby requested, is enclosed on the signature page of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.